GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6061
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
VLPT AT CHIRGAON IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH;SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey had been conducted to set up a VLPT in Jhakhadudhar(H.P.) in view of the fact that the programmes of Doordarshan are not received in several gram panchayats of Tehsil Chirgaon in Shimla District;

(b) if so, the outcome of the survey and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government also propose to conduct a survey for setting up of a VLPT at Rantadi, Bariyara, Thalidhar etc. places of Chirgaon Tehsil in order to ensure that programmes of Doordarshan are properly received in that area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): A survey had been conducted to ascertain the availability of Doordarshan signals in Jhakhadudhar. The survey revealed that terrestrial signals of Doordarshan are not available at Jhakhadudhar. Expansion of terrestrial TV coverage in the country is taken up in a phased manner and further expansion of TV coverage in Shimla district would depend uponavailability of resources and inter-se priorities.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Besides the studio and two High Power Transmitters for DD-1 and DD-2 atShimla, Shimla district has one Low Power Transmitter at Rampur, and five Very Low Power Transmitters at Khara Pathar, Thanedar, Chaupal, Kotkhai andRohru. At present, there is no scheme to set up any additional transmitter in Shimla district.